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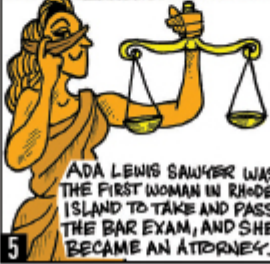
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1 IT'S TIME FOR A POP QUIZ!

IS THIS A PERSON?

2 IF YOU ANSWERED NO, THEN YOU WOULD'VE QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER THE BAR EXAM IN RHODE ISLAND IN THE YEAR 1920 —

— LET US EXPLAIN...

3 IN 1920, A LEGAL ADMIN NAMED ADA LEWIS SAWYER REGISTERS TO TAKE THE R.I. BAR EXAM UNDER THE NAME "A. SAWYER."
TURNS OUT "A. SAWYER" IS A DAME!
WHAT! A WOMAN CAN'T TAKE THE BAR EXAM!
WHY NOT, YOU ASK?

4 THE ARGUMENT WAS THAT WHEN THE RULES REFERRED TO A "PERSON" TAKING THE BAR EXAM, THAT MEANT A MAN, NOT A WOMAN.

NEVERTHELESS, ADA SAWYER PERSISTED. HER CASE WENT TO THE R.I. SUPREME COURT.

5 THE STATE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT A WOMAN IS, IN FACT, A PERSON.

ADA LEWIS SAWYER WAS THE FIRST WOMAN IN RHODE ISLAND TO TAKE AND PASS THE BAR EXAM, AND SHE BECAME AN ATTORNEY.

6 OH, ONE MORE THING! SHE DID IT WITHOUT GOING TO LAW SCHOOL.

ADA TAUGHT HERSELF THE LAW AND MADE A CAREER FOR HERSELF OF HER OWN INITIATIVE!
THAT'S WHAT ONE PERSON CAN DO!